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Google Street View to map city

ONLINE According to website neowin.net, Google Street View — Canada will soon be mapping the streets of Calgary.

The site states that the Internet powerhouse will bring its service to 11 of Canada's largest cities, including Halifax, Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary.

The application gives users a street-level view of streets, buildings and landmarks — and in many cases people can see their own street and their own home. Though some have raised privacy issues, neowin.net claims that Google will be blurring facial images and licence plates.

Australia, France, Britain and the United States are already on the system.

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Juno Awards

The Juno awards are set to take place this Sunday in Vancouver, and Metro has your guide to the event:

Music

- **We speak to organizers about what Canadians can expect during the 2009 ceremonies, pg 22**

Music/Television

- **Metro looks at who will be performing at Sunday's show, pg 23**

Television

- **Russell Peters explains the link between hip hop and being a Juno host, pg 23**

Online

- **Catch Metro's live blogging of the show Sunday at metro news.ca**

Riding the Recession

- **Metro wraps up its Riding the Recession series today with a look at how the economy is faring, and how long this financial climate will last, pg 6**

Environment The world unites for Earth Hour

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. People around the world are asked to do their part to fight global warming and switch off their lights for an hour. To read how Calgary plans to power down, see pg 3. Shelley Williamson sees the light on Comment and Views, pg 10. Also, go to metronews.ca/goinggreen for a message from James Leape, the director general of WWF International.

Porn bust nets four Albertans

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

Four Alberta men, including one from Calgary, are facing charges after the largest child porn bust in Canadian history was executed nationally this week.

Project Salvo targeted a network of individuals who were sharing materials depicting exploited children across Canada and resulted in 57 arrests being made, while another 20, including the four Albertans, may soon join them.

Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus of the Southern Alberta Integrated Child Exploitation (ICE) team said the snare was aimed at individuals participating in one of the most heinous of crimes.

"The investigation focused on users who would meet other like-minded individuals online and exchange child exploitation and sexual abuse images and videos," he said. "By providing a market for these images, these individuals contribute to the sexual abuse of children — our goal is to protect all children from sexual abuse."

As part of the national investigation, 71 search warrants were executed with 130 computers being seized for evidence.

Those arrested face 99 charges ranging from sexual assault, sexual interference, and the possession, making and distribution of child pornography, Andrus said.

In addition to one Calgary man, others in Blairmore, Medicine Hat and Edmonton also face charges. Edmonton ICE officers assisted in the arrest of a man in the Northwest Territories, whose name is being withheld.

Charges for Alberta suspects are pending, as investigators sift through "significant volumes of data" on computer hard drives containing illegal images — a task becoming tougher for police as technology evolves.

"Hard drives are getting bigger and cheaper," said Edmonton Staff Sgt. Howard Kunce. "Investigations are becoming complex, and also not just dealing with pictures, but real victims whose images are on these computers, being sexually abused."

Ottawa police and RCMP officers executed seven search warrants and arrested six men and one woman.

WITH FILES FROM VICTORIA HANDYSIDES AND TIM WIECLAWSKI

City cyclists plan night ride to take back the road

ENVIRONMENT Saturday night, Calgary cyclists plan to take back the road.

Riders will gather at Eau Claire Plaza, then head through downtown. They want to spread the message that you can enjoy the roads without polluting them.

"It creates awareness for cyclists being on the road, so people become more used to seeing them," said 28-year-old Shannon Woloshyn, who has participated in past cycling events.

"They will claim their spot on the road and fight back against cars."

Although they have done it in the past, this will be their first major ride this year. Organizer Grant Neufeld said he expects up to 50 riders to show up, but thinks there should be more Calgarians supporting environmentally friendly transportation.

"In Vancouver they get 1,000 riders, and in San Francisco they can get 10,000," he said. "Calgary still has a long way to go."

Depending on the number of cyclists, they may try to occupy all lanes of traffic or just stick to one.

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Cops nab fugitive con
A man who recently escaped police custody while on a supervised release from jail was arrested Wednesday. Donovan Miller, 40, was hiding in Calgary. Police say tips from members of the community were key in making the arrest. METRO CALGARY

Local

Idol to visit Stampede

Kelly Clarkson will join the lineup of performers during the Calgary Stampede this year, organizers announced Thursday. Her performance on July 9 at the Pengrowth Saddledome will be the first American Idol winner's only Canadian summer tour date. Her latest album, All I Ever Wanted, hit No. 1 in its first week.
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Teen stabbed in city's northwest

ATTACK An 18-year-old male was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries after a stabbing in the city's northwest Thursday afternoon.

Police believe two men approached the victim inside a residence in the 200 block of Ranchero Dr. NW shortly after 11:15 a.m. and assaulted him with a knife.

The two men fled the scene in a dark blue sports car.

Anyone with information is asked to call District 7 GIU at 403-567-6700 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. METRO CALGARY

Health board votes itself 25% pay hike

HEALTH The Alberta Health Services super-board unanimously agreed to give themselves a 25 per cent pay raise on Wednesday, despite an expected deficit of more than $1 billion.

The 15 members will now receive $50,000 annually for their part-time job plus $750 for each board meeting. Chairman Ken Hughes will get $75,000 annually and $1,000 per board meeting.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation argues that they don't deserve a raise because the board is so new and they haven't done anything yet. METRO CALGARY

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What's online today.
Going Green WWF director James Leape on why Earth Hour is more than symbolism at **metronews.ca/goinggreen**

Teens charged for cabbie attacks

Police hunt for two more connected to violent crimes against taxi drivers

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

Cops have collared two teens suspected of being members of a violent crew targeting cabbies in the city's northeast for weeks.

Police on Wednesday charged a 15- and 16-year-old with multiple counts of robbery and assault linked to a string of violent attacks that saw a group of teens lure cabbies out of their vehicles and ambushing them.

Two more youths are being sought by police and are facing charges in relation to the attacks.

District 5 Insp. Steve Lorne said the attacks, of which there had been seven since Feb. 14, created fear in the taxi community and became a top priority for investigators.

"These crimes were quite violent — because of the viciousness of some of these robberies this was a top priority," he said, noting the attacks were drug, but not gang-related.

> **"Because of the viciousness of some of these robberies, this was a top priority."**
> Insp. Steve Lorne

"We are looking for two other individuals and it's just a matter of time before we pick them up."

Lorne said the youths, operating in Falconridge and Abbeydale, would order a cab and at the destination would lure the driver out of the vehicle where he or she would be jumped.

Jones

In five of the robberies, drivers were assaulted with weapons, police said.

Ald. Ray Jones, who sits on the taxi commission, said the attacks renewed calls by cabbies for more security measures including reinforced glass and on-board cameras.

But he said neither of those measures would have helped in this case and it shouldn't be up to taxpayers to foot the bill.

"They want taxpayers to pay for it and that isn't going to happen," Jones said of the security measures.

Police probe city's 9th murder

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

INVESTIGATION An early morning altercation in a quiet southeast neighbourhood has police probing the city's ninth homicide of the year.

Cops are releasing few details about a man, identified by neighbours and friends as Dave Dupuis, 22, found dead on the porch of a condo in the 4900 block of 130 Ave. SE at about 1 a.m. yesterday, but said a gathering at the McKenzie Towne house led to a confrontation.

Dupuis

"An altercation we believe occurred at that residence and right now those are the individuals we are speaking to," said police spokesman Kevin Brookwell.

ROBIN KUNSKI/FOR METRO CALGARY
Investigators combed through evidence in the city's southeast, where a man was found dead early Thursday. Police believe the death resulted from an altercation at a residence.

"Preliminary interviews indicate that this incident was not random and at this time the death is not considered to be gang- or organized crime-related."

Brookwell said the victim, whom police have tentatively identified but are awaiting an autopsy and the notification of kin, was briefly living at the residence.

Investigators have not released the cause of death or whether a weapon was involved and have yet to determine if there is any motive. As of Thursday, police have no one in custody, but Brookwell said those at the gathering are being interviewed as persons of interest.

Calgary goes dark for Earth Hour

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

EARTH HOUR The Calgary Zoo, all municipal buildings and the Calgary Tower will be turning off their power for 60 minutes on Saturday evening — but that's just the beginning of Calgary's Earth Hour activities.

As the skyline dims, local brewery Wild Rose will be operating without power. It will have an Earth Hour cold food menu, prepared without an oven or heating.

"It's important to celebrate Earth Hour and appreciate that energy conservation," said Tina Wolfe, spokesperson for the brewery. "Hopefully people will remember it and will go home and think the next time they turn their lights on."

Café Koi didn't enjoy the same success as Wild Rose last year when it attempted to operate without power.

"It was rather stressful to do it," said owner Philip Wong. "I can't put my staff through that again."

The University of Calgary's Rothney Observatory will also be monitoring the change in sky glow.

News in brief

FUNDS The federal government is giving Alberta's First Nation communities $50 million to help the housing crunch on reserves. Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl says the money will be available very quickly and is looking or proposals from chiefs.

COURTS Alleged high-ranking Calgary gang member Tien Ngoc Ho was denied bail on Thursday after being charged last week with 40 weapons offences. Judge John Bascom said there is concern he may reoffend if released. METRO CALGARY

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Census begins next week

Get ready for a knock on your door this April — the city census begins Wednesday. Census takers will be asking about number of residents, school support, home ownership, and the number and year of children born between 2003 and 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cops, kids start a teddy collection

After only two months in Sparks, five-year-old Riley Fletcher understands the importance of giving.

At Thursday's Share Your Bear event, Fletcher gave four stuffed animals to the Calgary Police Service's Victim Assistance Unit, which will share them with people who have been a witness or a victim of a crime or tragedy.

"We're teaching the girls to be involved in their community and about service," said Eileen Johansen, area commissioner for Girl Guides of Canada. "We told them these teddy bears will go to children who need something to love and hang onto."

Fletcher's four stuffed animals added to the 6,000 new and gently used teddy bears that were handed over by the Girl Guides and Kids Help Phone.

Sgt. Kyle Grant said the bears break down the barriers between police and victims. "These bears go to families that are lost and feel hurt and alone in situations that are up to and including homicide," he said.

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Calgary Transit seeking young artists' designs for new passes

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

Calgary Transit is putting their future in the hands of the city's youth.

They're asking any child from Grade 1 through 12 to submit a design for upcoming transit passes.

"Our children and youth are our future, and they have some great ideas," said Andrew Phung, program director for Child and Youth Friendly Calgary, a Calgary Transit partner.

"Since many of them use Calgary Transit every day, we thought it would be appropriate for them to have a say in something that impacts the entire city."

Designs may be based on themes that include "Transit into the Future," "Going Green with Calgary Transit," "Calgary Transit and Me," and "Transit Connects Communities."

They will be used on passes from September 2009 to December 2010.

News in brief

SHOPPING You may see a team of 250 workers installing 2,000 glass panels from Italy if you walk near the Core shopping centre downtown. They are building the world's biggest skylight spanning three city blocks, which will be completed this summer. The structure will hang from a series of 95 arches.

GANG HOAX Calgary police are investigating an e-mail hoax that has been circulating in the city. The hoax allegedly began in 1995 as a rumour regarding gang initiation where several people were to be killed outside Wal-Mart. The e-mail now has a local focus on Calgary's gang activity.

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Chopper crashed belly-first, officials say

Transportation Safety Board investigators said Thursday that Cougar Helicopters Flight 491 — which crashed off Newfoundland in mid-March, killing 17 people — hit the water belly-first rather than nose-first as originally suggested. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Charest's Grits slipping

Quebec's separatists have jumped into a substantial lead in a public support survey released Thursday as dissatisfaction mounts over Quebec Liberal Premier Jean Charest's handling of the economic crisis. The provincial Parti Quebecois has vaulted to 40 per cent, compared to 33 per cent for Charest's provincial Liberals. REUTERS

Ahead of the curve

Canada should exit recession next year: Economist

Riding the **Recession**

SAM SMITH
for Metro Canada

Canada should be out of the recession by the middle of next year, according to the chief economist for the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Bernie Magnan said there's no question the economy "is only going to get worse before it gets better."

"We can expect additional unemployment to happen this month," Magnan said. "But it's to be expected, companies have to make money."

However, Magnan said he is optimistic because some industries are rebounding.

"Look at construction," Magnan said. "It helps out other places in the economy because places are being built and those construction workers are getting paid, so they have money to spend now."

On March 17, for example, British Columbia announced an $800-million budget for public infrastructure, housing, education and public safety across that province.

Magnan said this will help with the unemployment problems and keep Canada ahead of the curve.

"I think Canada has done rather well compared with other countries," Magnan said. "We're a population of 33 million and we do very well, thank you very much."

Canada also has certain advantages over other countries.

"We'll always have tourism and always have renewable resources if we husband it properly," Magnan said.

> **"Even though there's 6.7 per cent unemployment, there's 93.3 per cent who are employed."**
> Bernie Magnan

"Just remember that even though there's 6.7 per cent unemployment, there's 93.3 per cent who are employed," Magnan said. "If, and this is a big if, they feel secure in their jobs, they'll be willing to open up their purse strings and do some discretionary spending."

Spain **Seal hunt protest**

ANDREA COMAS/REUTERS

A naked animal rights activist lays on a Canadian flag, while protesting against the annual seal hunt, in front of Canada's embassy Wednesday in Madrid, Spain.

Taliban targeting Canadians with more complex bombs

AFGHANISTAN Taliban militants are making ever bigger and more sophisticated bombs to use against Canadian troops in the south of Afghanistan, a development that a top official on Thursday called tragic.

Bombs have killed seven Canadian soldiers in the past three weeks alone and 19 since the start of December. So far, 116 Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

"The tragedy is that as we arm and equip and protect our people, insurgents continue to develop more insidious improvised explosive devices," said David Mulroney, who heads the government's Afghan task force.

"They're bigger, they are more complex in terms of the number of people involved in triggering them," he told a special House of Commons committee looking into Afghanistan.

Canada has around 2,700 troops based in the southern city of Kandahar. REUTERS

Afghan polls

- Canadian officers in southern Afghanistan say polls show that the Taliban attacks are making an increasing number of local people feel insecure about their future.

Flaherty will 'do what it takes'

ECONOMY Ottawa will do whatever it takes to help Canadians through the worst global recession since the 1930s, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

"We must do what it takes now to protect Canadians during the current global storm," he said in a speech at Montreal's McGill University. REUTERS

News in brief

BUDGET Ontario's Liberal government's budget promises to tackle the province's serious infrastructure deficit and create more than 300,000 jobs with $32.5 billion in spending over the next two years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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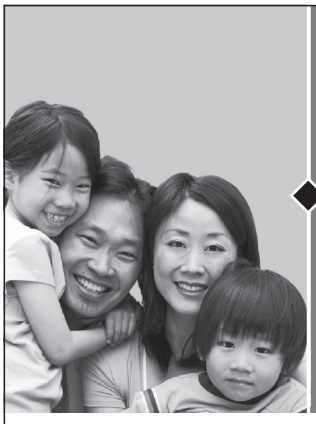

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U.S. in breach of WTO rules?

A U.S crackdown on European online gambling breaches World Trade Organisation rules and would justify action, the European Commission said Thursday. Such U.S. laws hampered trade and thus were inconsistent with WTO rules, however a negotiated solution is being sought. **REUTERS**

World

Live music profits

Turnover from global live music rose by 10 per cent in 2008 to $25 billion U.S., continuing its strong growth at a time when traditional sales of recorded music are falling. The leading tours of 2008 were Jon Bon Jovi, left, Bruce Springsteen and Madonna.

REUTERS

U.S. denounces missile launch

White House says North Korea plan would be 'provocative'

The U.S. said Thursday that a missile launch by Pyongyang would be "provocative" and in violation of United Nations resolutions.

"We continue to maintain the goal of a denuclearized North Korea and look to working with our allies to ensure that that happens," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told a briefing.

"We believe that such a launch would be provocative and that such a launch would be in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions," he said.

The White House reaction followed North Korea's moves to launch a long-range missile next month and its warning that international moves to punish it for the launch would prompt it to restart its closed nuclear plant.

Once it has been positioned, the rocket could, in theory, carry a warhead as far as Alaska.

The planned launch, seen by some countries as a disguised military exercise, is the first big test for U.S. President Barack Obama in dealing with the prickly North, whose efforts to build a nuclear arsenal have long plagued ties with Washington.

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Bangkok **Massive protest**

SUKREE SUKPLANG/REUTERS

More than 20,000 protesters rallied in Bangkok on Thursday, demanding Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva resign because of his handling of the economy.

What you need to know about

changes to registering for your Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

Twenty registry locations will improve access to health registration services for Albertans.

April 1, Albertans registering or making updates to their registration information can do so at participating Alberta registry agents. These agents do not have access to personal health information and provide registration services free of charge.

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403-272-5513

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The list of locations providing these services throughout Alberta is available on-line at **health.alberta.ca/health-care-insurance-plan.html**. The list will be updated when more registry locations become available.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan forms can also be obtained at these registries or on-line at **health.alberta.ca/health-care-insurance-plan.html** and can be submitted at any registry office or by mail. For inquiries or information updates, please call **780-427-1432** or call toll-free by dialing **310-0000**, then **780-427-1432**.

Alberta *A Healthy Approach*

Israel disputes Gaza death toll

MILITARY Israel says far more armed fighters and far fewer Palestinian civilians were killed during its 22-day offensive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip in January than reported in widely used Palestinian figures.

In the first Israeli death tally to appear in an official publication since the war, it said a total of 1,166 Palestinians were killed, not 1,417 reported by Palestinian human rights activists.

The figures were confirmed in a press release by the Israeli army.

The tally says 295 civilians lost their lives — about a third of the figure of 926 reported by Gaza's Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

The central aim of the Israel embassy briefing paper was to reject charges of war crimes by Israeli forces in Gaza from human rights groups. **REUTERS**

U.S. seeks tighter grip on Wall Street

ECONOMY U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Thursday called for broad reforms to curb risk taking on Wall Street, including a new regulator to oversee the entire financial system in a bid to restrain behaviour that led to the worst credit crisis since the 1930s.

Geithner pressed lawmakers for wholesale changes, including the creation of a single regulator to keep tabs on risks that could threaten the entire financial system.

"We have a moment of opportunity now. We don't want to waste this opportunity," Geithner said.

Leaders from the Group of 20 nations gather for a meeting next week in London at which regulatory reform will be high on the agenda. President Barack Obama will make the case that Washington is moving forward boldly and others must step up to do the same. **REUTERS**

News in brief

RALLY Madagascar's security forces fired teargas and rounds in the air on Thursday to disperse a rally by supporters of former president Marc Ravalomanana. Demonstrations against the country's new army-backed head of state, Andry Rajoelina, have prolonged a political crisis since the start of 2009 that has killed 135 people, scared tourists away and unnerved foreign investors.

AUTO INDUSTRY U.S. President Barack Obama said on Thursday struggling U.S. auto companies could expect new government aid if they commit to "drastic" restructuring, promising to unveil a rescue plan in coming days. The plan is expected to be unveiled before Obama departs on a European trip Tuesday.

BAGHDAD A car bomb in a crowded shopping district in northern Baghdad killed 16 people and wounded 40 others on Thursday, police said, the latest in a series of attacks to strike the Iraqi capital. Four children and four women were among the casualties.

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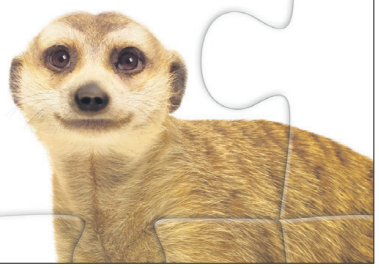

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Buying not so Direct

Customers raise concerns over high-pressure sales tactics

Marketplace

Erica Johnson

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You've probably seen the ads on TV and the Internet — featuring happy couples, gushing about saving thousands of dollars on home furnishings. They're talking about Direct Buy, a company that claims to cut out the retailer's markup by helping members buy directly from manufacturers. Sure sounds like a great deal. But Marketplace was hearing from unhappy Direct Buy members. And when we started digging, we found plenty of customers contacting Better Business Bureaus. Customers like Mitzie and Larry Wasyliw, in Calgary. They saw the Direct Buy ads on TV, and went to an open house to find out more.

What they weren't expecting was a three-year membership to Direct Buy costs about $5000 (they don't mention that in the ads). And worse yet, Mitzie says, she felt pressured into signing on the dotted line. She wasn't ready, but says the sales rep told her if she didn't join up that day, she'd never get another opportunity. So, they bought in — and instantly regretted it. "In 30 years of marriage, I thought I could have divorced Larry for the decision he made," she says. "Because I did not intuitively feel good about it at all."

And when we talk to other Direct Buy customers, they tell us they felt pressured by the pitch, too. Concerning stuff, because most provinces don't have a cooling off period if you have buyer's remorse. Direct Buy told us they do have a "three-day cooling off policy," but no one at the open house we attended mentioned that, it's not in the contract, and none of the customers we spoke to had heard about it, either.

On the web

- Tips on how to deal with high-pressure sales tactics.

When Mitzie tried to use her membership to order window blinds, she got frustrated. She says staff wasn't knowledgeable.

On top of that, there's an extra delivery charge to get items from Direct Buy to your house, products can take up to six weeks to arrive, and there are hefty shipping fees of up to 25 per cent of the price. On top of that, there are often handling fees that tack on another eight per cent to the price, and if there's a problem with a product, customers have to deal with the manufacturer, not Direct Buy.

At Simon Fraser University, marketing professor Lindsay Meredith says, in today's economy, people should be able to drive hard bargains at the store — and save the $5,000 Direct Buy membership fee. And what does he think about pressuring a customer to buy? "This kind of pitch is a clear signal to hit that door running."

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

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Views

Shine a light into climate change darkness

Shelley Williamson

Sometimes you have to spend a little time in the dark to see the light.

This Saturday night Calgarians have a chance to cast a ballot on the future of the planet by turning out their lights for an hour at 8:30 p.m. to mark the third annual Earth Hour.

Event organizer, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), has set its sites at one billion people casting "a vote for earth" worldwide by switching off unnecessary lights for an hour, in hopes of sending a message to world leaders about global warming.

Last year we gave it the old college try.

Calgarians were among 50 million people who flipped the switch for change. The city shut off municipal building lights, save for those needed for safety, while restaurants, private citizens, the zoo and even the Calgary Tower went dark for the cause.

While some cities saw a marked reduction, Calgary upped electricity use in Earth Hour 2008 — from 1,050 megawatts at 7:45 p.m. to 1,060 megawatts 30 minutes later.

Chicago saved the equivalent of taking a million cars off the road during the hour, Sydney, Australia — where the event debuted in 2007 — cut wattage by 8.4 per cent, while Christchurch, New Zealand cut its power demand by an impressive 13 per cent.

Maybe it was a lack of planned candle-lit options on that chilly night last March. Or the fact the Flames hosted the Oilers.

EarthHour

It's hard to face off against hockey (and the puck drops again at the Dome this Earth Hour), but a spring-like high of 7 C is expected Saturday.

Meanwhile, group events will help pass the time for those too timid to go it alone in the dark.

Music lovers can take in Vivaldi's The Four Seasons in a CPO concert at the Jack Singer powered 100 per cent by Bullfrog Power beginning at 8 p.m.

Stargazers can hit the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory starting at 7:30 p.m. to watch the Calgary sky go dim.

A candle-lit vigil is slated for 8 p.m. next to the Bow (1111 Memorial Dr.) hosted by local groups from Ecoliving to the Alberta Wilderness Association and REAP, urging people to bring candles, music and ideas for change.

So far more than 84 countries have pledged to take part in what organizers are dubbing the first global election against climate change.

I prefer see it as the first time my vote stands more of a chance than a stab in the dark in Alberta.

And who can argue with the fact that everyone looks better by candlelight.

Shelley Williamson is a freelance writer hailing from the east coast, now living and writing in Calgary for over a decade.

Worth Mentioning

Two Catholic priests guilty of grand theft

CRIME Two disgraced Roman Catholic priests have been sentenced to prison in a case involving the misappropriation of more than $8 million from their church, a theft one judge called "greed unmasked."

John Skehan and Francis Guinan were accused in 2006 of skimming money from collection plates and bequests at their church in Delray Beach, Fla., and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on real estate, travel, rare coins and girlfriends.

Skehan, 81, was sentenced Tuesday to 14 months in prison and seven years probation after pleading guilty in January to a charge of grand theft of over $100,000.

Guinan, 66, was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison after taking the case to trial and being found guilty of a lesser charge of theft under $100,000.

Judge Jeffrey Colbath imposed the prison term on Skehan despite requests from prosecutors, defence lawyers and the Diocese of Palm Beach for probation only, the Palm Beach Post reported. Investigators said Skehan, a priest for more than 50 years, invested heavily in rare coins, owned a cottage and a pub in Ireland, a $455,000 penthouse condominium in Singer Island, Fla., and another apartment in Delray Beach.

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Hard Rock eyes hotels in Asia

Hard Rock International Inc. is looking to set up hotels across Asia, betting that people will find rooms with rock 'n' roll-themed interiors attractive despite the recession. REUTERS

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Business

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U.S. economy dips

6.3% fall in GDP steepest plunge since 1982

U.S. corporate profits plunged a record $120.1 billion US in the fourth quarter as the economy shrank at its fastest pace since 1982, depressed by a slump in consumer spending and exports, government data showed Thursday.

In another snapshot of the distressed economy, the number of workers collecting state jobless benefits rose to a record 5.56 million earlier this month, while new claims climbed to 652,000 last week, a separate government report showed.

The Commerce Department said after-tax corporate profits dropped 10.7 per cent in the fourth quarter, the largest decline since the first quarter of 1994. Profits fell $5.2 billion in the third quarter.

Shrinking profits came as gross domestic product, which measures the total output of goods and services within U.S. borders, fell at an annual rate of 6.3 per cent in the October-December quarter, the steepest decline since the first quarter of 1982.

But analysts said the quarter was probably the worst of the 15-month recession and they expect the economy to start stabilizing, though first-quarter output would still show another steep fall. REUTERS

Mortgage rates

- U.S. rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged a record low of 4.85 per cent this week, feeding demand for refinancings, as a result of government efforts to reduce rates to levels that will help the hard-hit housing market recover.

Danes lead in telecoms tech, WEF index says

RANKINGS Denmark boasts the world's most networked economy, putting it and its Nordic neighbours in a good position to rebound from the current global downturn, the World Economic Forum said Thursday.

Canada ranked 10th in the annual WEF Networked Readiness Index, which measures information and communications technology availability and use, such as access to mobile phone and Internet services.

Sweden placed second, the United States third, Singapore fourth and Switzerland fifth among the 134 economies listed in the index.

In the report, the WEF said that high-speed Internet should be now seen as "part of the basic infrastructure of any country and one of the foundations of the knowledge economy," and it urged countries ranked low on the index to do all they can to improve their connectivity. REUTERS

Asia

- Emerging powers China and India were ranked 46th and 54th, respectively.

Business in brief

PIZZA A vending machine that bakes fresh pizza in minutes for a few euros has gotten a cool reception from Italian chefs before it hits the streets in the coming weeks. REUTERS

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LeBron on 60 Minutes

LeBron James will be profiled on 60 Minutes this Sunday in an interview he did a few months ago. The CBS news magazine show spent time at his Akron, Ohio, high school, as well as at a concert for U.S. President Barack Obama he hosted with rapper and close friend Jay-Z. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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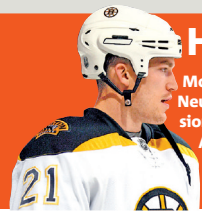

Hockey players go green

More than 420 NHL players have joined the NHLPA Carbon Neutral Challenge this season, a program to offset the emissions produced by their frequent travel. Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference, left, started the initiative last season, in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Win over Canucks keeps Blues in race

NHL T.J. Oshie and David Perron each registered a goal and an assist, as the St. Louis Blues held off the Vancouver Canucks, 4-2, at Scottrade Center in St. Louis Thursday.

David Backes and Andy McDonald also tallied for the Blues, who were able to build off a 2-0 win over Los Angeles on Tuesday. St. Louis, which has won three straight games, now has 79 points and is one point behind Nashville for the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Predators edged San Jose, 3-2, earlier on Thursday.

NHL RESULT

Canucks 2 **Blues** 4

Chris Mason turned aside 21-of-23 shots for St. Louis. He is now 10-4-1 in his last 15 games.

Taylor Pyatt and Alex Burrows accounted for the Vancouver goals. The Canucks, have dropped two of their last three. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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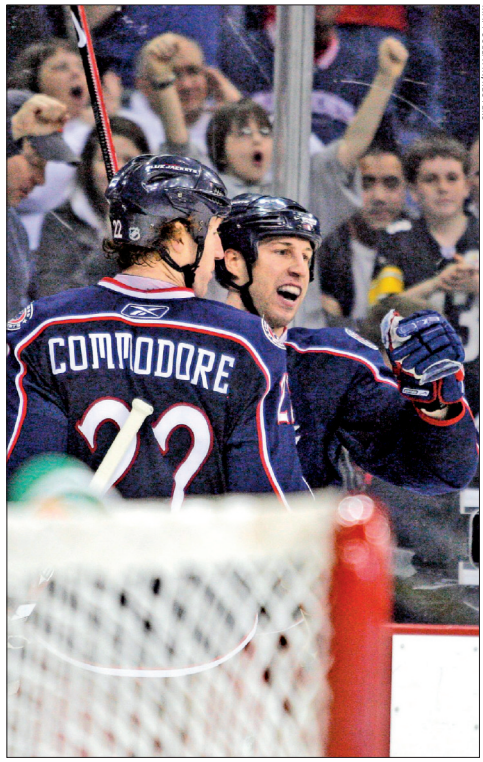

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Columbus Blue Jackets R.J. Umberger and Mike Commodore celebrate a goal against the Calgary Flames Thursday.

THE SKINNY: For the second night in a row, the Flames ran into a hot goalie. This time, Columbus rookie netminder Steve Mason stopped all 33 shots he faced to record his league-leading 10th shutout of the season as the Flames failed to bulge the twine in a pair of futile efforts.

THE BIG SAVE: Mason gained confidence early in the game by thwarting a great scoring opportunity by Calgary forward Eric Nystrom, who drove hard to the net but couldn't find a way to shovel the puck past the big goalie.

THE SNIPERS: Jason Williams scored twice for Columbus, while Manny Malhotra, Raffi Torres and R.J. Umberger added singles. For Umberger, it was his fourth goal in his past four games against Calgary.

THE SET-UP MEN: After recording just one point in three previous games against the Flames this season, Columbus captain Rick Nash set up four goals. Former Flame Kristian Huselius also had four assists.

THE QUOTE: "It's a big game for us," Huselius told Rogers Sportsnet. "We're still battling for a playoff spot and Calgary's a tough opponent."

THE BACK-UP: Curtis McElhinney saw some rare action in between the pipes for Calgary as he came off the bench in the second period to relieve starter Miikka Kiprusoff, who turned aside 14 of 17 shots he faced. McElhinney made 17 saves in his relief appearance.

THE KEY STAT: The Flames now have a 2-8-1 record in the second game of back-to-back contests, all on the road. The Flames still have three more back-to-back affairs in their final eight games of the campaign.

THE NEXT GAME: The Flames now return home where they'll be looking to get back on the winning track against the Minnesota Wild on Saturday night (8 p.m., CBC, Fan 960) at the Saddledome.

Curling Canadians beat Swiss

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Team Canada skip Jennifer Jones waves towards fans after her team beat Switzerland at the 2009 World Women's Curling Championship in Gangneung, South Korea on Thursday.

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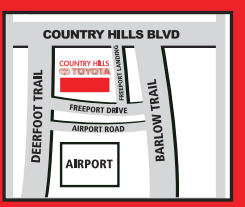

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Tejada gets probation

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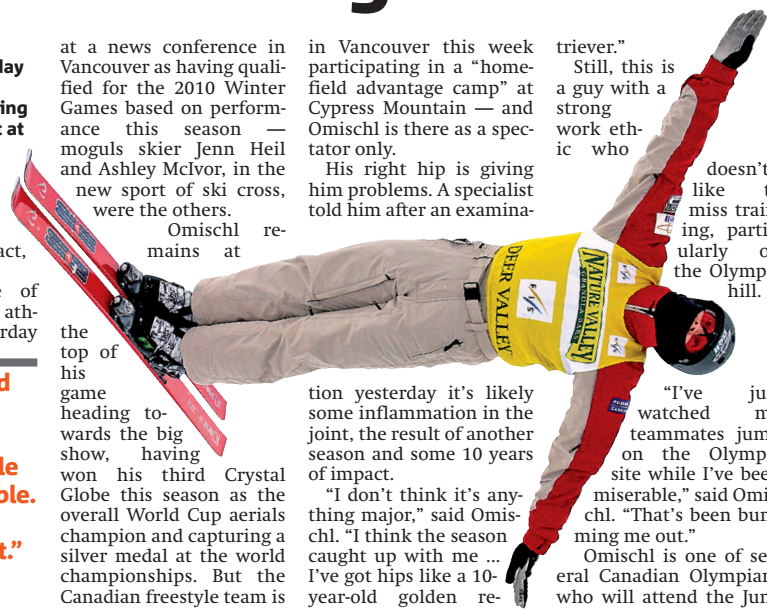
Omischl takes good with the bad

Steve Omischl got his ticket punched Thursday for the 2010 Winter Olympics, and he's going to walk the red carpet at the Junos this weekend, but the Canadian aerials ace isn't exactly flying high at the moment.

As a matter of fact, he's grounded.

Omischl was one of three freestyle skiing athletes presented yesterday at a news conference in Vancouver as having qualified for the 2010 Winter Games based on performance this season — moguls skier Jenn Heil and Ashley McIvor, in the new sport of ski cross, were the others.

"I've just watched my teammates jump on the Olympic site while I've been miserable. That's been bumming me out."
Steve Omischl



Omischl remains at the top of his game heading towards the big show, having won his third Crystal Globe this season as the overall World Cup aerials champion and capturing a silver medal at the world championships. But the Canadian freestyle team is in Vancouver this week participating in a "home-field advantage camp" at Cypress Mountain — and Omischl is there as a spectator only.

His right hip is giving him problems. A specialist told him after an examination yesterday it's likely some inflammation in the joint, the result of another season and some 10 years of impact.

"I don't think it's anything major," said Omischl. "I think the season caught up with me ... I've got hips like a 10-year-old golden retriever."

Still, this is a guy with a strong work ethic who doesn't like to miss training, particularly on the Olympic hill.

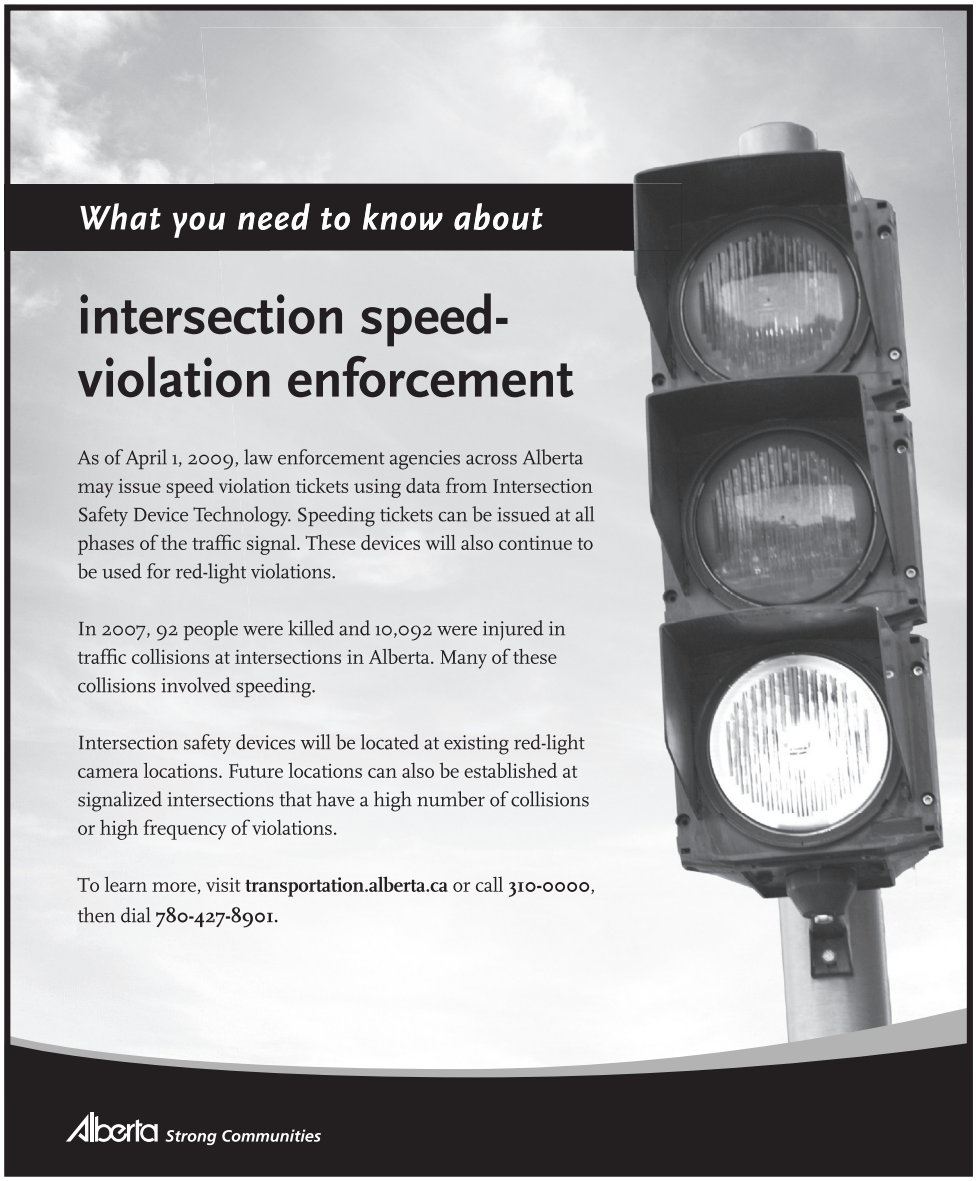
"I've just watched my teammates jump on the Olympic site while I've been miserable," said Omischl. "That's been bumming me out."

Omischl is one of several Canadian Olympians who will attend the Juno Awards in Vancouver this weekend. CTV, looking to do some cross promotion, has recruited a number of athletes to walk the red carpet and will have speed skater Jeremy Wotherspoon and skeleton racer Mellisa Hollingsworth as presenters.

Omischl, very wary of getting caught up in the pre-Olympic hype, reckons it's one of the few perks he will take advantage of leading to the Games.

"I can tell you right now I'm not going to be doing many of these things," he said.

"The Junos is a cool honour to go and if it was anywhere close to next season or during an important training time, there's no way you'd catch me doing it." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Monster stars

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Monsters vs. Aliens has an all-star cast — the kind only possible in an animated movie — led by Reese Witherspoon. The kid-friendly adventure movie is all about good, old-fashioned escapism, beefed up with spectacular 3-D special effects.

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Storytelling comes second as Haunting just aims to scare.

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Junos gearing up for all-star Canadian music showcase.

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Russell Peters takes his second stab at Juno hosting.

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Also in theatres

Also hitting theatres this week is John Cena's new film 12 Rounds. For theatres listings visit metronews.ca. A full review will also be available on the Metro website this weekend.

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

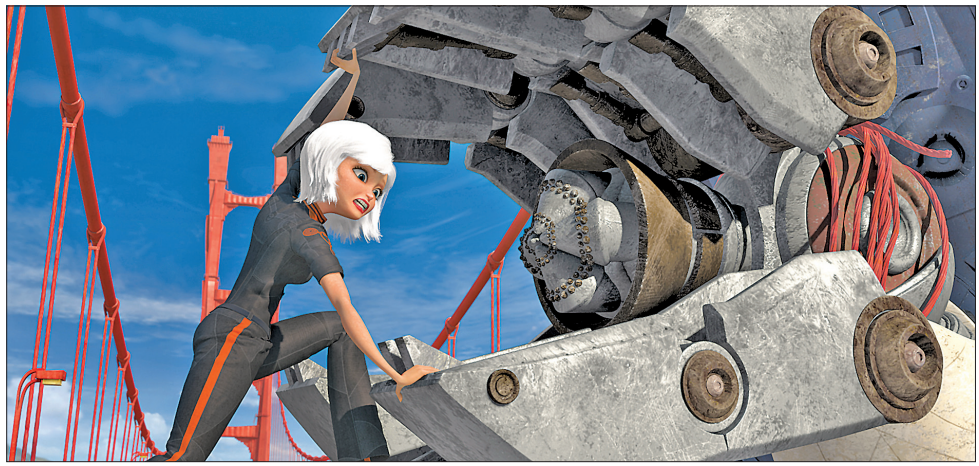
Monsters good old escapism

Monsters vs. Aliens

Director: Rob Letterman, Conrad Vernon
Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie, Seth Rogen
Classification: PG
Rating:

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

There's something refreshing about a movie with a title that tells you everything you need to know about it. Part Plan 9 from Outer Space, part The Dirty Dozen, Monsters vs. Aliens is all about good, old-fashioned escapism. Just don't pay too close attention to the plot holes and lazy exposition.



A scene from the animated action-comedy Monsters vs. Aliens, starring Reese Witherspoon and Seth Rogen.

The movie has an all-star cast, the kind only possible in an animated movie, led by Reese Witherspoon as Susan, a bride-to-be who grows to five stories tall after being walloped by a radioactive meteor on her wedding day. Labelled a menace, she's teamed up with other captive monsters, played by Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett and Seth Rogan, and locked away from society.

But of course, when a world domination-crazed alien (Rainn Wilson) shows up, the monsters get their chance to prove themselves.

While each of the heroes is charming in their own offbeat way, Rogan's gelatinous, brainless blob B.O.B. steals the show, and the notoriously ad-lib-happy actor's fingerprints are all over his character's best lines.

On the other hand, while plenty entertaining, Kiefer Sutherland channels R. Lee Ermey's drill sergeant from Full Metal Jacket a little too well, and Stephen Colbert's president sounds and acts basically like his Colbert Report persona.

Visually, the film is amazing. The 3-D is spectacular, and the filmmakers show remarkable restraint in not throwing too many objects directly at the audience. And the story works despite its flaws — or maybe because of them.

Ham-fisted exposition and sloppy storytelling can easily be excused as further nods to the B-movies the film is simultaneously lampooning and celebrating — a clever get-out-criticism-free card for the filmmakers, when you think about it.

And even if the plot is more than a little predictable, and some of the gags more than a little stale (Colbert's rousing synthesizer run of the Beverly Hills Cop theme, I'm looking at you), the movie succeeds, offering stunning visuals and honestly hilarious moments — most of them involving B.O.B.

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Hanks signs up for toy film

Tom Hanks is set to play a toy in a new movie. The Oscar-winning actor — who provided the voice of Woody in the Toy Story movies — has signed up to play Major Matt Mason in the movie of the same name, which is based on a '60s action figure. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

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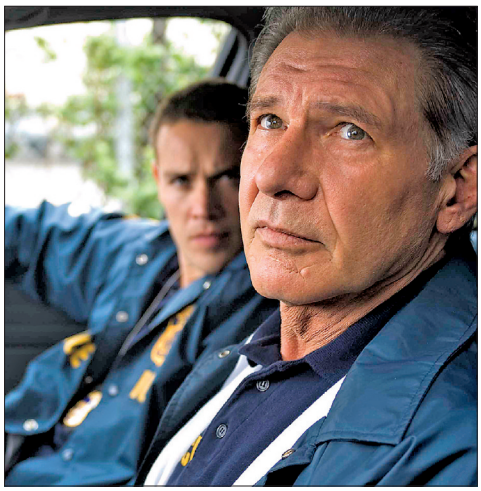
Many plots in Crossing

Crossing **Over**

Director: Wayne Kramer
Stars: Harrison Ford, Ray Liotta, Alice Eve, Ashley Judd
Classification: R
Rating: ●●●

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Harrison Ford's usual heroics are toned down significantly in this low budget anthology style drama. He plays a California immigration officer whose job it is to collar illegal immigrants and send them packing, even as he indulges in fantasies of rescuing them.



Harrison Ford plays a U.S. immigration officer in the star-studded Crossing Over.

Max Brogan is compromised like every character in Crossing Over. His is just one of the diverse stories that intersect on the theme of immigration.

We meet illegals willing to give their money, souls and dreams to make it to America — like an aspiring Australian actress (Alice Eve) who agrees to pay an immigration official (Ray Liotta) to fast track her green card application with two months of sexual slavery.

A young Asian boy participates in a gang shooting in a convenience store the day before his swearing in. A policeman, an Iranian immigrant, kills his friends and in an act of random kindness, frees him to attend the ceremony.

An English musician (Jim Sturgess) benefits from an act of kindness by a canny rabbi. An immigration lawyer (Ashley Judd) realizes that she can no longer just defend her clients, but must walk the walk to do good.

Kindness is rare in the streets and detention centres. A 15-year-old Muslim high school student delivers an inflammatory speech that tears her family apart. A Mexican woman makes a fatal mistake in attempting to cross the border illegally.

U.K.-born writer/director Wayne Kramer knows what he's talking about. He faced his own obstacles trying to emigrate to Hollywood.

He shows us that behind the faces singing the national anthem at an induction ceremony is joy mixed with compromise, humiliation and sacrifice.

Haunting incoherent

The Haunting in **Connecticut**

Director: Peter Cornwell
Stars: Virginia Madsen, Kyle Gallner
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Beware movies that tell you that they're based on real events. Chances are the moviemakers aren't convinced you'll believe the picture otherwise.

The Haunting in Connecticut, which claims to be based on the true story of the Snedeker family and their encounter with perturbed poltergeists in a home in Southington, Conn., feels about as authentic as House on Haunted Hill.

Unlike more subtle and sublime paranormal fare like The Haunting (1963), or The Others (2001), Director Peter Cornwell garbles the mystery and reduces The Haunting in Connecticut to simple jolts.

The story follows a family that needs to relocate near a clinic where their eldest son, Matt (Kyle Gallner), can receive some radical cancer treatment. His mother (Virginia Madsen) finds this lovely old house that turns out to be a former mortuary with a troubled history. From the time the clan move in, supernatural events start to erupt on cue.

At first, Matt is the only one confronted with corpse tampering, eyebrow snipping, creeping maggots and seances gone bad, but later the rest of the family begins to be spooked by the former occupants. (Oddly, given the severity of the kid's illness, no one ever thinks to find a safer home for him to recuperate in.)

Like so many contemporary horror pictures, The Haunting in Connecticicut isn't concerned with telling a coherent story. It just wants to pinch the gooseflesh. I say "Boo."

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Williams owns Wendy

Wendy and Lucy

Director: Kelly Reichardt
Stars: Michelle Willias
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

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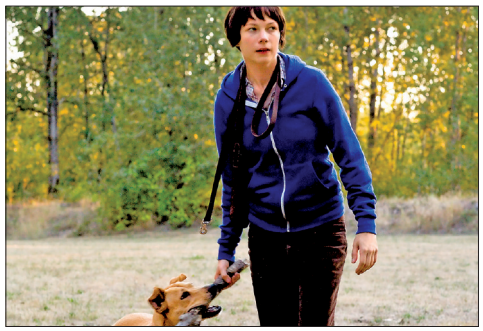
for Metro Canada



Michelle Williams gives a stirring performance in Wendy and Lucy.

In the American road movies of the past, people usually headed out with great ambition, investing a hope of discovering something of the country's true spirit.

Whether it was the doomed Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper mounting their hogs and blazing a trail through America's heartland in Easy Rider (1969), or Art Carney and his cat in their twilight years seeking new digs in Harry and Tonto (1974), the task was a quest to find America.

That was then.

In Kelly Reichardt's understated, yet lovely, Wendy and Lucy, the goals and dreams are far simpler — and the quest to find America is more elusive than ever. With little money, Wendy (Michelle Williams) hits the road with her loyal pooch Lucy to seek work in Alaska at a cannery. When her car breaks down in Oregon, she commits a desperate act that separates her from her dog. For the rest of the movie, Wendy hunts for Lucy while having to take full stock of her financial and personal predicament.

Based on Jon Ramond's short story Train Choir, Reichardt's movie is perceived between the lines of the narrative. While the plot may be basic, the mood is anything but simple.

Wendy and Lucy doesn't revel in despair, or make explicit political statements. Reichardt only seeks comfort in Michelle Williams' stirring and poignant performance.

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Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2-4:30-7-9:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:35-10:05
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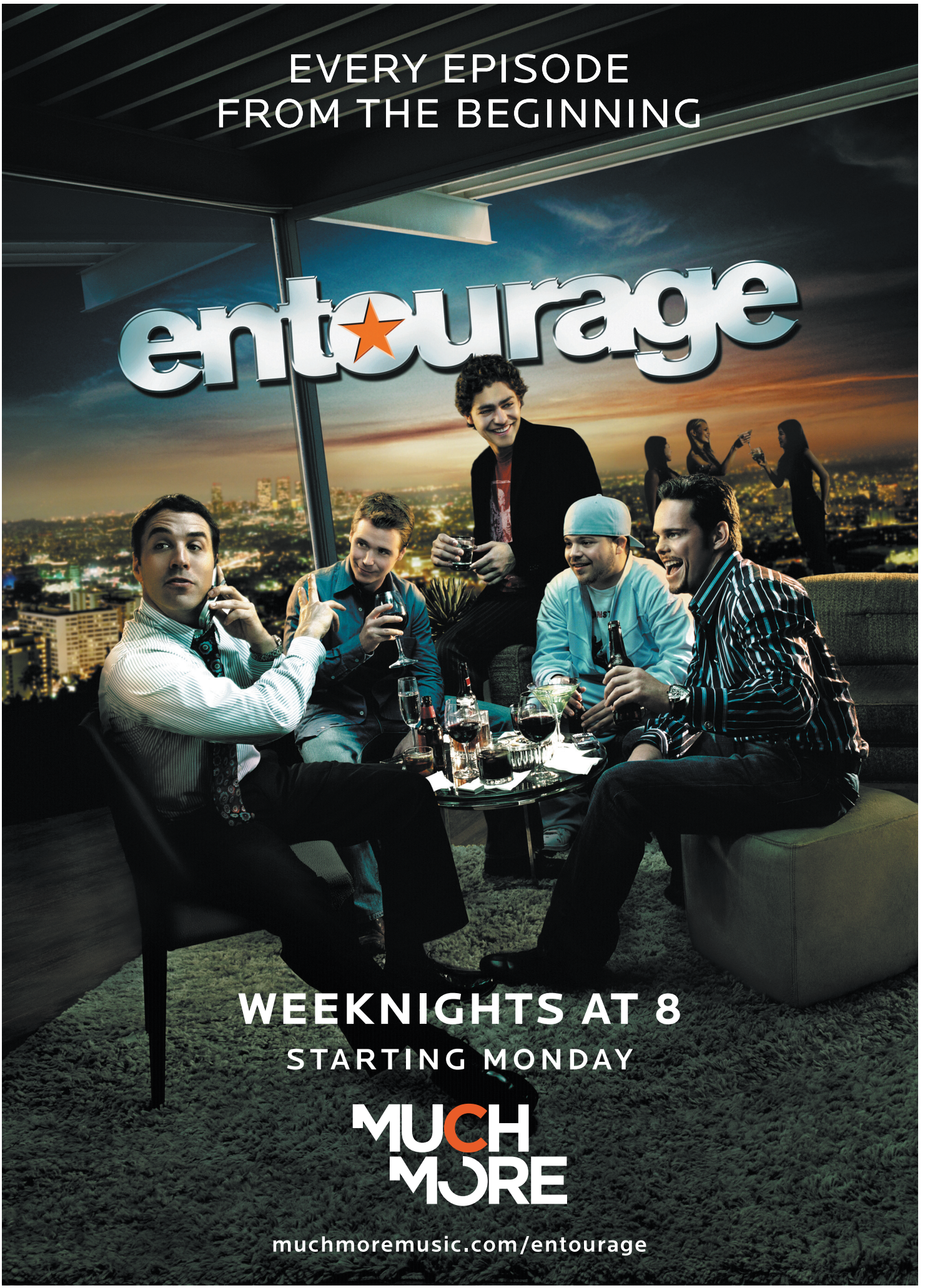
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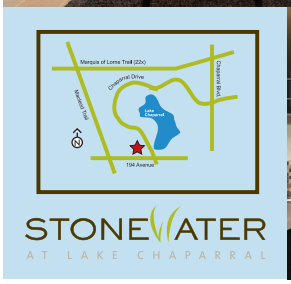

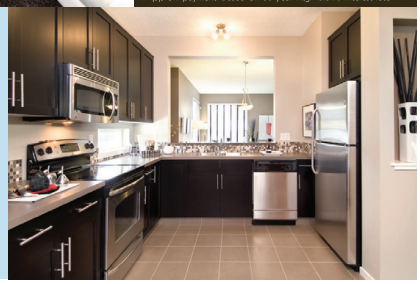

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Music

Junos ready to rock

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Showcasing the diversity of Canadian music, hard rockers, indie rockers, crooners and comedians unite at this year's Juno ceremonies on Sunday at Vancouver's GM Place.

"Having all those artists together on stage is ... the best way to showcase the diversity of the Canadian industry," said festival organizer and Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) president Melanie Berry. "Some Bryan Adams or Sarah McLaughlin fans don't know City and Colour, and watching this performance is part of that process of discovery."

Since she became involved in 2003, Berry's watched the event gain momentum as it's moved across the country over the years. Along with the two-hour broadcasted ceremony, this year's four-day celebration features a JunoCup face-off between NHL Alumni and Rockers, a free outdoor Juno Fan Fest, and the weekend JunoFest, which takes place at 19 Vancouver venues.

Kicking off with the most pyrotechnics yet seen on Canadian television, the ceremony is hosted by comedian Russell Peters. Loverboy will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and Sarah McLachlan receives the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. Performers include big name rockers Sam Roberts Band and Nickelback — who lead the nominees with five and four awards respectively — Bryan Adams, and Great Big Sea. Other acts like Crystal Shawanda and The Stills demonstrate the talent of up-and-coming artists.

Sarah McLachlan, above, will receive a special humanitarian award at the Juno Awards in Vancouver this Sunday on CTV.

Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards

"With the rise of the digital age, (independent Canadian artists) can be distributed and heard around the world," said Berry. "(The Polaris Music Prize) has been all positive ... Some things are different, but if you look at it, you'll find that of the (Polaris) nominees in the past three years, 60 per cent are up for Junos, so there's lots of crossover."

Given the current economic situation and recent federal budget cuts to arts and culture programs, (including to the Canada Music Fund, a Juno sponsor), the music industry faces challenges.

But Berry, whose not-for-profit organization so far hasn't been affected, points to continuing global awareness of Canada's musicians as evidence of industry success.

"We're all cognizant of the economy (and so planning and ticket prices for the Junos are designed) with that in mind.

"Sponsor dollars are tighter as companies tighten their belts ... But being an annual event (with repeat sponsors), we're lucky," said Berry. "Budget cuts have hurt festivals and organizations, and it's really a shame to see them. We're hoping to see a reversal and funding put back in."

How MP3s transformed music

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Back in the days when both bandwidth and digital storage were precious, there was a miniaturization race. How could a big, fat, digital file — say, a song from a typical compact disc — be shrunk so it could easily be transferred down a copper wire?

After a very convoluted competition and series of meetings to set worldwide standards, the winner was a group of scientists and engineers at the Germany Fraunhaufer Institute. And on July 14, 1995, they chose the file extension for their new creation — .mp3.

MP3s work by taking advantage of auditory masking, which basically means a loud sound will render a quiet sound inaudible to the human ear. And if you can't hear the quiet sound, what's the point of it being there? Why not strip it out? That will make the digital file smaller and thus easier to transport and store.

The invention of MP3s transformed the music industry. It gave us Napster, iPods, falling CD sales, MySpace and freaked-out record executives. MP3 technology is also lowering our standards for what qualifies as "good sound."

It's to the point where some producers have taken to mixing new recordings not while listening to honkin' massive studio monitors, but through cheap iPod headphones.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Cyrus at the Country Music Awards
Following her country-toned debut with pal Taylor Swift at this year's Grammys, Miley Cyrus will perform — solo this time — at the 44th Annual Country Music Awards on April 5. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Peters does Junos, hip-hop style

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

As demonstrated at the 2008 Awards, Juno host Russell Peters has a few musical chops.

When introducing Michael Bublé for a performance by Guys With Ties, Peters hunched over a turntable and cut up the crooner's name.

"That Bublé sample sucked — I couldn't do anything interesting with it," said Peters. "Mark Strong's voice was too deep, so I couldn't cut it up. You need a high-pitched noise, like 'Bublé, Bublé', and I didn't get that, so it was no good."

Self-criticism aside, a Youtube clip of the Toronto-born comedian at legendary scratch DJ Q-Bert's house proves this year's host has skills.

Now living in L.A., Peters still follows the Canadian scene, singing out Shad's album The Old Prince as Juno-nomination worthy. When preparing for the Junos, he draws on hip-hop, as well as on awards show hosts like Chris Rock and Billy Crystal who recognize they aren't the event's main focus. He feels more relaxed compared to last year: He knows what to expect, and Vancouver is "a far more forgiving city than Calgary".

"Rapping and hip-hop is all about timing and rhythm ... What I do is all hip-hop — I mix in jokes and add my own flair." Russell Peters

"The Juno committee lets me do what I want to do — there are no guidelines, which is great, since if I didn't have that freedom, it would be really annoying," he said. "At this year's opening, I've got something else (hip-hop related) up my sleeve. I can't say what it is, but it's safe to assume it will be something to do with one of the four elements (of hip-hop)." From freestyle call-and-response routines with audiences to remixing old jokes, Peters pulls from the same techniques he uses when chopping up beats to prepare comedy routines.

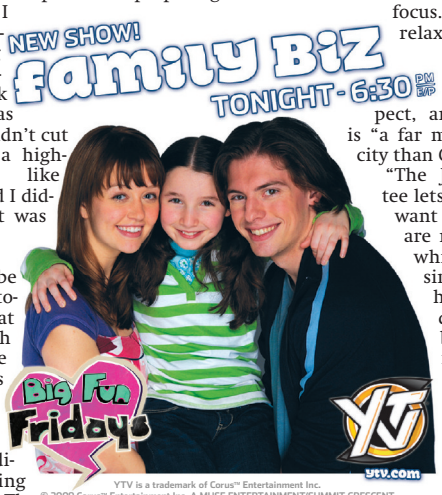
At the Junos, he'll mix scripted material with his own reactions. But while he employs some of the tricks used by hip-hop artists, Peters said comedians and musicians are very different performers. Comedians, he explained, don't have the benefit of a backup band or a politely appreciative audience: If a comedian bombs, people rarely clap.

"Rapping and hip-hop is all about timing and rhythm, and comedy's like that too ... What I do is all hip-hop — I mix in jokes and add my own flair to telling them," he said. "With musicians, if the audience is not grooving to them, they can still keep playing and do their song, and people still clap at the end.

"They are very different people — musicians can be way more sensitive, and more ego-driven in a way."

Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards

Russell Peters will once again host the Junos this year.



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Get ready for mash-up performances

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JUNO AWARDS Given the popularity of mash-ups, it's fitting the Juno Awards worked the trend into this year's event — Sunday night's two-hour broadcast crams in more than a dozen performances.

Nashville-based Ojibwa country singer Crystal Shawanda, who has two nominations, said her song flows into a chopped-up trio of tracks.

"(My song is) worked into a medley of songs with other artists ... I'm looking forward to seeing how the arrangements flow into one another (live), especially since the other artists are from other genres, not country music," she said.

Even as a six-year-old she was mingling with other musicians, jumping on-stage at community-organized open mic nights in the school gymnasium on her Wikwemikong reserve.

"My dad set up our basement like a jam space, and we'd all hang out and sing. I'd skip birthdays and slumber parties so I could jam with these guys that were my dad's age."

Nickelback will perform at this year's Juno ceremonies.

According to a press release, "A classic rock song gets a little twisted when a group of male performers hit the stage together." It's safe to assume this gang includes Newfoundland folk rockers Great Big Sea, who perform with singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman and genre-bending multi-instrumentalists Eccodek.

Also performing are rock icon and 18-time Juno Award-winner Bryan Adams, Dallas Green's City and Colour, R&B singer Divine Brown, singer-songwriter Serena Ryder and alt-country singer Kathleen Edwards. Sarah McLachlan performs, and will receive the Allan Watters Humanitarian Award. Other performers include Nickelback's pop-grunge, Simple Plan's pop-punk and Sam Roberts' alternative rock.

Montréal-based indie-rockers and Juno newcomers The Stills have been practising with big shows: They've been in Australia playing arenas with Kings of Leon, and opened for Paul McCartney last summer to over 270,000 people for Québec City's 400th anniversary.

"(Opening for Paul McCartney) was probably our most nerve-wracking show ... At that point we'd never played to more than 10,000 or 15,000 people," said singer Tim Fletcher. "But when you step on stage, you just do it, and after five minutes it's okay."

Fletcher said the group's soaring choruses are translating well to fist-pumping, and while the band didn't deliberately write songs with big venues in mind, the experience playing them is a rush. Some influence might also have crept in from childhood — they united in part over heavy metal.

"I remember a Pantera show in Montreal in 1994 — one of many metal moments that locked us together," said Fletcher, laughing.

"There's nothing that brings dudes together and forges them in steel like (heavy) metal."

Red carpet

• etalk will once again take to the red carpet before Sunday's Juno awards, catching up with musicians before the enter the award ceremony in Vancouver. More than 1,200 screaming fans are expected to line the red carpet and interact with the nominees and performers as they arrive for the show.

Richardson to donate organs

AFTER LIFE The family of British actress Natasha Richardson, who died of a head injury last week after a skiing accident, has donated her organs to others fighting for their lives, according to media reports.

Richardson, 45, died in a New York hospital last Wednesday, two days after falling and hitting her head during a private ski lesson at Mont Tremblant resort. She was not wearing a helmet at the time.

People magazine's website said her family, including her Irish actor husband Liam Neeson, requested after she was removed from life support that her organs be donated to other patients in need. **REUTERS**

In brief

MADONNA Pop star Madonna, who has said she may adopt another child from Malawi, may visit the southern African country in the next few days, a government official said. Critics accused the government of skirting laws that ban non-residents from adopting children in Malawi, which has been badly hit by an AIDS epidemic. **REUTERS**

Lohan movie headed for TV

Lindsay Lohan's new movie, Labor Pains, is headed straight to cable. The film's production company, Nu Image/Millennium Films, has confirmed that the comedy will premiere on ABC Family in July 2009. USMAGAZINE.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Quantum of Solace

DVD The second instalment of the James Bond franchise reboot may be a little thin on plot, but still packs more punch than any of the Pierce Brosnan revivals. In fact, the opening car chase is worth the price of entry alone.

2 Earth Hour

CAUSE At 8:30 p.m. local time Saturday, environmentally conscious people will shut down their non-essential lights and electrical appliances for an hour.

3 Colourful nails

FASHION Wild coloured manicures (preferably embellished with rhinestones or airbrushed graphics) will be big for spring.

4 Junos

AWARDS Canadian funny man Russell Peters returns to host the biggest celebration of Canadian music. Usual heavyweights such as Nickelback and Bryan Adams along with indie darlings The Stills are slated to perform. Airs live Sunday on CTV at 9 p.m. ET.

5 The Hazards of Love: The Decemberists

ALBUM Colin Meloy & co. follow up their 2006 breakthrough The Crane Wife with a unique take on British folk, classic metal and prog rock. The 17-song album tells the tale of a woman ravaged by a shape-shifting animal, her lover and more.

6 D-Box Technologies

FILM Want to feel the roll of a wave or the punch of a gunshot as you see and hear it onscreen? This Quebec company has developed movie theatre seats that can do just that.

7 Games on demand

TECH California-based OnLive Inc. has developed technology that can deliver video games on demand, much like movies and music, over the Internet.

FRIDAY

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	- - 4 OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News		News		The Simpsons	King	Metropia
	- 371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20
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	244 338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Provenance"		Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News Hour
	246 - 8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		Man Tracker		Survivorman		Out There	Out There	Your City
	- 372 12 KREM	Basketball	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semifinal					Hollywood	Paid Program	Paid Program
	- 374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Vicar of Dibley
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC
	- 373 22 KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
news	502 390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		India Reborn (Part 2 of 4)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		India Reborn
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family	552 543 20 YTV	iCarly	Family Biz (N)	*She's the Man* ★★ (2006, Romance-Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
	557 541 39 FAM	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Sonny Chance	*The Goonies* ★★ (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin.				*Akeelah and the Bee*	
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	603 561 25 FOOD	Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Challenge		Kylie Kwong
	615 520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Legacy"		CSI: Miami "Shootout"		CSI: Miami
	617 522 32 SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
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	- 371 5 KXLY	News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		*Just Like Heaven* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy)				Castle
	245 306 6 CBRT	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live)					HNIC -- After Hours	
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	246 - 8 CKAL	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		*The Conclave* (2006, Historical Drama) Rolf Kanies.				The City Show
	- 372 12 KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	Strawberry	Care Bears	Paid Program	Paid Program	NCIS "Capitol Offense"		48 Hr. Mystery
	- 374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	*Three Coins in the Fountain* ★★★ (1954, Romance)				Carole King
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Sweet 16"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships		
	- 373 22 KAYU	House "Whac-A-Mole"		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
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	617 522 32 SHOW	*Mission: Imp. 2*	Trailer Park	Mutant X		*The Last Templar* ★ (2009, Adventure) Mira Sorvino.				*Snakes*
	520 505 35 DISC	Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Guinea Pig	Guinea Pig	Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel
	628 584 43 SPIKE	The Ultimate Fighter					Scariest Police Shootouts!		Scariest Police Shootouts! 2	
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Mix of Six

Serena Ryder

When: Friday at 8 p.m
Where: Eric Harvie Theatre

Indie Canadian artist Serena Ryder visits Banff to promote her new album, Is It O.K., which includes the single All for Love.

Mindless Self Indulgence

When: Friday at 7 p.m.
Where: MacEwan Ballroom, University of Calgary

The unique American electropunk band, formed in New York City in 1997, brings music with a mixed style to Calgary.

New York, New York

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: University Theatre, University of Calgary

Drewitz Dance Productions presents a Broadway Revue of New York, New York, a dance at the University Theatre this weekend.

John Pinette

When: Friday at 7 p.m.
Where: Jubilee Auditorium, 1415 – 14 Ave NW.

Just for Laughs comedian John Pinette brings his one-man show called I STILL Say Nay Nay! to Calgary.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Ave SW.

See a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. The show promises to be a satire of pretentious poets and their followers.

Earth Hour

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rothney Astrophysical Observatory, near Priddis

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Lauer returns with injuried arm
With his arm in a sling, Matt Lauer returned to the Today show Thursday, days after he dislocated his shoulder in a bicycle accident. "I feel good," he told co-anchor Ann Curry. "I doubled up on the meds so I'm ready for all your jokes." USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Book unveils Superman co-creator's dark side

The artist who co-created Clark Kent and Superman had his own secret identity — as an illustrator of sadomasochistic pulp books.

"This stuff was highly illegal — you couldn't mail it across state lines," said artist and comics historian Craig Yoe.

In his new book, Secret Identity: The Fetish Art of Superman's Co-Creator Joe Shuster — due to hit store shelves in April — Yoe describes finding a copy of the pulp porn Nights of Horror in a used bookstore.

Seeing the unsigned pictures in the book, his immediate reaction was "Oh my God, Joe Shuster." The Superman artist's work was like a fingerprint, he said, adding heads of the comic industry had the same reaction to the artwork in the pulp novel.

Yoe says the story behind the Nights of Horror artwork, which he chronicles in his book, is as lurid as the drawings: Shuster's bitter departure from D.C. Comics and the Superman he created, his two decades in obscurity, dirty cops, showgirls, Brooklyn thrill killers, bullwhips and a senate investigation that nearly collapsed the comic book industry.

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Superman's co-creator Joe Shuster, circa 1941.

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Not going to back down

Kim Kardashian's got nothing to hide — "So what: I have a little cellulite. What curvy girl doesn't," she writes on her blog in response to an untouched magazine photo of her that was released on the Internet. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

New sound snubbed

CAREER Mark Ronson has offered to help save Amy Winehouse's career, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The producer — who worked with the troubled star on her award-winning LP Back to Black — has agreed to work on the singer's third album after she failed to impress record label bosses with her new material. It was recently claimed bosses at Winehouse's record label had rejected the reggae-influenced tracks she composed while holidaying in the Caribbean.

A source said: "She seems to have ditched her trademark vintage soul sound and is now heavily influenced by reggae. Her bosses don't think it's a wise move."

However, Universal Records later denied the claims.

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Jamie Lynn cancels wedding

RELATIONSHIPS Britney's little sister isn't getting hitched after all. Sources say that Jamie Lynn Spears has called off her planned wedding to Casey Aldridge, the father of her infant daughter.

"They are still in love, living together and very happy," a source tells OK! Magazine. "But they have no plans to get married."

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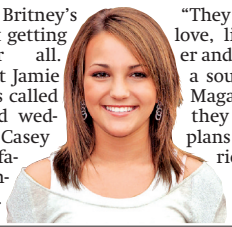

Marriage on the rocks?

MARRIAGE Looks like the honeymoon may be over for Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz. The couple, who were married less than a year ago in May 2008, are reportedly facing some problems, according to Page Six.

"Ashlee and Pete are on the rocks," a source says. "He is going out all the time and she's stuck at home. It's just not working." A rep for the couple denies the story, saying, "This is not true. Everything is fine in their world." The couple's first child, Bronx Mowgli, was born in November.

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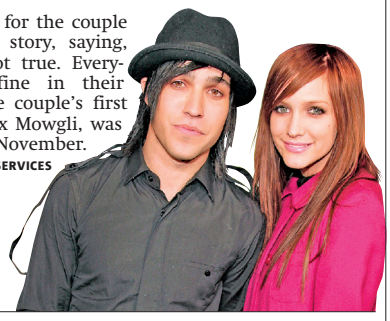

Penn and Portman get cozy?

RUMOUR Oscar-winner Sean Penn was allegedly started getting frisky with Natalie Portman recently, according to Star magazine.

"They went to a bank of elevators that only goes to the spa or to private rooms," says an eyewitness who claims to have spotted the pair having a cozy dinner at the Sunset Tower Hotel. "They came back about 45 minutes later, and that's when I saw them making out."

Penn filed for divorce from his wife, Robin Wright Penn, in 2007, but the couple reconciled.

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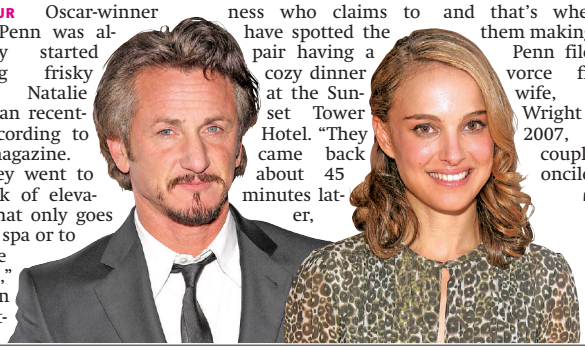

Tony's great, Jess' dad insists

PEOPLE In other Simpson family news, papa Joe Simpson is taking to his Twitter account to refute a recent story by the National Enquirer claiming he wants daughter Jessica Simpson to dump her boyfriend, Tony Romo. The story reported that Joe blames Romo for distracting Jessica.

In response, Joe posted, "So tired of people saying I don't like Jess and Tony ... He is the best ... Don't believe the National Enquirer!!!"

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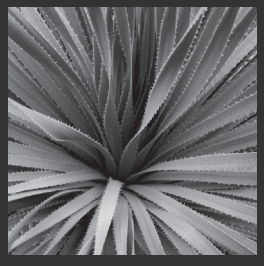

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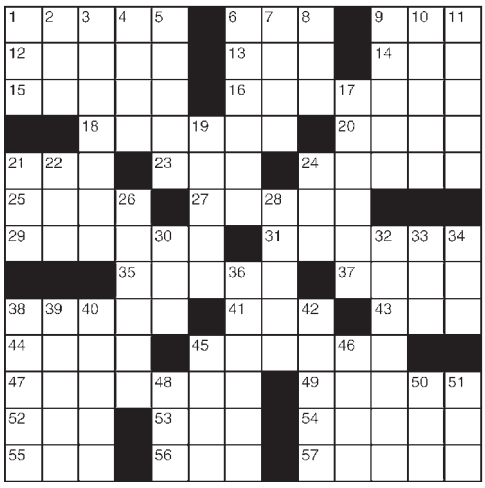

Crossword across

1 Washer phase
6 Yon maiden
9 Squabble
12 Less infirm
13 Pick a target
14 Will Smith biopic role
15 Pedro's pal
16 Sleep
18 Unassuming
20 Reed instrument
21 "CSI" workplace
23 Preceding
24 Off somehow
25 Neighborhood
27 Away from others
29 Late August births
31 Sarge, e.g.
35 Upright
37 Quaker pronoun
38 Arab bigwig
41 "— Poetica"
43 S.A. nation
44 Dumbo's "wings"
45 For now
47 Snake handler?
49 River bend
52 Matterhorn, for one
53 GIs' entertainers
54 La Scala show
55 Allow
56 Comprehended
57 "Two Women" Oscar winner

Crossword down

1 Half a dance?
2 Sweet potato
3 Mountaineer
4 Building block name
5 Wear down
6 Talks back to
7 Sword handle
8 Flightless bird
9 Shul VIP
10 Bread spreads
11 Mess behind a desk
17 Second
19 Obliterate
21 Restroom, for short
22 Onassis, to pals
24 Commotion
26 Bias against the elderly
28 Preamble
30 Mork's home planet
32 Room
33 "— the ramparts ..."
34 "Family Guy" daughter
36 Snowman's nose
38 Calyx component
39 Actress Berry
40 Blow one's top
42 Perry Como prop, often
45 Mexican money
46 Big fair, briefly
48 Glitch
50 Tramcar load
51 Ashy

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

7	2			8		5		1
		9						2
5					6		4	
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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3	4	8	5	1	7	9	2	6
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4	1	3	6	5	2	8	9	7
8	5	9	7	4	1	6	3	2
6	7	2	8	3	9	1	4	5
7	6	5	1	2	4	3	8	9
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9	8	1	3	6	5	2	7	4

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spaghetti with Chickpeas and Spicy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 celery stalk, finely chopped
1 can (14 oz /398 ml) chopped tomatoes
12 oz (375 g) spaghetti
2 x 14-oz (398-ml) cans chickpeas, rinsed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) tobasco sauce
2 cups (500 ml) baby spinach leaves
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup (75 ml) pecorino Romano cheese

METHOD:
1. Heat olive oil in heavy pot, add onion and garlic, then cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes.
2. Add celery and sauté, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes with their juice and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until thick, about 15 minutes.
3. Cook spaghetti in large pot of boiling water according to package instructions.
4. When sauce is cooked, stir in chickpeas and Tabasco. Add spinach and simmer, stirring, until spinach wilts, 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Drain spaghetti and toss with chickpeas and tomato sauce. Serve immediately, sprinkled with cheese.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A flippant attitude makes you wonder about someone. A mistake will make a carefree companion face reality. You'll make your own luck.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Find the strength to modify your commitments. Some people are too unpredictable. Happiness is found in a positive turn of events.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A happy-go-lucky guy flies in the face of envy. Reactions are given about a dark-haired woman. Keep busy so you don't have to think.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A vindictive man will shockingly express gratitude. Don't consider the possibility of relocating. You're shown how to get something done.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make a safer plan before time runs out. Show a respectful silence for someone's blubbering. Help someone walk free from a conflict.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Make amends with a sarcastic person. Convince someone to make a revision. Somebody is raring to go.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Look up to find the source of a noise. Make some guidelines for a steadfast person. Helpers are challenging past expectations.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A mischievous pal refuses to be a bother. A specialist will be helpful. A quiet woman will push you forward into the future.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Accusations of unreasonableness make for thundering voices. A foreign friend walks away from a dispute. A troublemaker has excuses handy

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You'll laugh when a joker meets a sweet newcomer. A man blocks a plan. It's the right time to admit that you were wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A tactless woman is starved for love. Consider exposing a fiendish game. Be merciful to others after job anxiety eases.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Everything will work out if you prove your ability. A frowning female gets the upper hand. A sad person reaches out.

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